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SCHEME FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in which marketing/purchase centres will be set-up for handloom weavers;

(b) the steps taken to remove the problems being faced in the handloom sector.

(c) Whether social securities have been provided to them; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Marketing Complexes under the 'Scheme for setting up of Marketing Complexes' are set up in those cities based on the demand from handloom agencies and feasibility of the location. Till date Marketing Complexes have been set up in Jaipur, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Indore and Navi Mumbai. Another Complex at Delhi is being commissioned shortly.

(b) The Government of India is implementing a number of Plan Schemes for the development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers. These include :

(i) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY).

(ii) Marketing Promotion Programme.

(iii) Mill Gate Price Scheme.

(iv) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.

(v) Weavers Welfare Scheme:

- Thrift Fund Scheme
- New Insurance Scheme
- Health Package Scheme

(vi) Handloom Export Scheme.

(vii) Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP).

(viii) Design Development & Training Programme

Recently new schemes for skill upgradation namely - Integrated Handloom Training Project and insurance coverage, namely - Bunkar Bima Yojana and a Non Plan Scheme of one time Rebate @ 10% given by the handloom agencies on sale of handloom cloth have already been introduced.

(c) The Government of India is implementing social security measures through the Weavers Welfare Scheme which include Health Package, Thrift Fund and New Insurance Scheme. In addition, enhanced insurance coverage has been introduced for weavers under Bunkar Bima Yojana.

(d) Does not arise.